

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANYFOLKS, TEXAS
ADOPTING CRITERIA FOR USE IN REDISTRICTING**

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Manyfolks (City Council) has certain responsibilities for redistricting under federal and state law including, but not limited to, the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, and the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C.A. §1973, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City of Manyfolks (City) to comply with the Voting Rights Act and with all other relevant law, including *Shaw v. Reno* jurisprudence; and

WHEREAS, a set of established redistricting criteria will serve as a framework to guide the City in the consideration of redistricting plans; and

WHEREAS, redistricting criteria will assist the City in its efforts to comply with all applicable federal and state laws.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Manyfolks, Texas, in its adoption of a redistricting plan for City Councilmember Districts, will adhere to the following criteria:

1. Where possible, easily identifiable geographic boundaries should be followed.
2. Communities of interest should be maintained in a single district, where possible, and attempts should be made to avoid splitting neighborhoods.
3. To the extent possible, districts should be composed of whole voting precincts. Where this is not possible or practicable, districts should be drawn in a way that permits the creation of practical voting precincts and that ensures that adequate facilities for polling places exist in each voting precinct.
4. Districts must be configured so that they are relatively equal in total population according to the best available data, including the 2000 federal census and recent estimates. In no event should the total deviation between the largest and the smallest district exceed ten percent (10%). The City will attempt to achieve a deviation that is less than ten percent (10%) under the data available.
5. The districts should be compact and composed of contiguous territory. Compactness may contain a functional, as well as a geographical dimension.
6. Consideration may be given to the preservation of incumbent-constituency relations by recognition of the residence of incumbents and their history in representing certain areas.

7. The plan should be narrowly tailored to avoid retrogression in the position of racial minorities and language minorities as defined in the Voting Rights Act with respect to their effective exercise of the electoral franchise.
8. The plan should not fragment a geographically compact minority community or pack minority voters in the presence of polarized voting so as to create liability under section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. §1973.

PASSED & APPROVED this the _____ day of _____ 20__, by a vote of ___ (ayes) to ___ (nays) to ___ (abstentions) of the City Council of the City of Manyfolks, Texas.

CITY OF MANYFOLKS, TEXAS:

by: Head Honcho, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Manager, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Larry Litigious, City Attorney

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